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ARGENTINA (Population & Social)

Subject: Population.

(b) Present Population:

A recent statistical estimate of the population of the Argentine Republic to January 1st, 1930, gives the following figures:

<u>Provinces and Territories.</u>	<u>1930 Estimate to January 1st.</u>	<u>Density of Population in 1930 per square Km.</u>
Federal Capital	2,128,992	-
Provinces	8,518,444	5.36
Buenos Aires	3,045,982	9.94
Santa Fe	1,312,365	9.73
Cordoba	1,057,116	6.29
Entre Rios	598,991	7.65
Tucuman	440,742	19.30
Corrientes	433,107	4.88
Mendoza	422,723	2.84
Santiago del Estero	379,809	2.74
Salta	174,938	1.38
San Juan	170,608	1.92
San Luis	163,939	2.13
Catamarca	126,182	1.61
La Rioja	97,558	1.13
Jujuy	94,384	2.18
Territories	545,266	0.45
La Pampa	179,570	1.25
Misiones	87,440	2.88
Chaco	81,842	0.83
Rio Negro	55,570	0.28
Chubut	44,146	0.20
Neuquen	41,105	0.43
Formosa	27,210	0.36
Santa Cruz	22,135	0.09
Los Andes	3,334	0.05
Tierra del Fuego	2,924	0.14
REPUBLIC	11,192,702	4.00

Population of the principal Argentine cities:

CITIES:1930

Buenos Aires	2,153,200
Rosario	470,000
Cordoba	236,000
Avellaneda	193,431
La Plata	169,678
Santa Fe	123,000
Tucuman	116,219
Bahia Blanca	100,000
Mendoza	62,637
Farana	74,338

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The estimate of the total population of the Argentine Republic for 1931 has recently been issued by the Director General of Statistics. From the figures it can be seen that the largest relative increase in population is that in the Province of San Juan, with an increase during 1931 of 2.74%, followed by Santiago del Estero with 2.56 and then Entre Rios and Mendoza, while the low record corresponds to the Federal Capital with only 1.17%. The national territories taken as a whole show an increase of 2.51 for the year.

<u>Provinces and Territories:</u>	<u>Population</u>
Federal Capital	2,195,200
Buenos Aires	3,162,040
Santa Fe	1,368,068
Entre Rios	628,960
Corrientes	448,705
Cordoba	1,111,190
San Luis	171,059
Santiago del Estero	399,844
Tucuman	461,042
Mendoza	445,492
San Juan	181,289
La Rioja	100,359
Catamarca	130,639
Salta	181,109
Jujuy	97,491
Total	11,082,487
National Territories	576,230
GRAND TOTAL	11,658,717

The report of the Director General mentions that, owing to the fact that 18 years have elapsed since the last census, an exact estimate is difficult to obtain, and therefore a certain margin of error must be allowed for. In calculating the vegetative increase, a percentage similar to the previous year is taken, owing to the lack of official figures up to the time of making the estimate. This does not refer to the capital, for which official figures were available.

The probable error, however, cannot be large, as is shown by the fact that there was a difference of less than 3 per cent between the real and estimated figures for the vegetative increase in 1930.

As regards the migratory increase, the difficulties are much greater owing to the lack of information as to the distribution of immigrants in the country. The

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figures are obtained, since 1926, by supposing that the distribution corresponds to the increase in the number of foreigners resident in each province obtained by comparing the 1895 and 1914 census. Although this is an arbitrary method, it is the only one that can be employed.

The following table gives the increases in population during 1931; vegetative, migratory, and total:

Districts	Population at 31/12/30.	Increase during 1931.		
		Vegetative	Migratory	Total
F.Capital	2,169,771	20,088	5,341	25,429
Bs.Aires	3,109,897	46,959	5,184	52,143
Santa Fe	1,342,330	23,893	1,845	25,738
Entre Rios	613,970	14,883	107	14,990
Corrientes	440,891	7,782	32	7,814
Cordoba	1,086,243	23,528	1,419	24,947
San Luis	167,403	3,559	97	3,656
S.del Estero	389,849	9,906	89	9,995
Tucuman	451,076	9,694	272	9,966
Mendoza	435,411	9,187	894	10,081
San Juan	176,455	4,697	137	4,834
La Rioja	98,963	1,387	9	1,396
Catamarca	128,422	2,202	15	2,217
Salta	177,955	3,064	90	3,154
Jujuy	96,260	1,077	154	1,231
Totals	10,884,896	181,906	15,685	197,591
Territories	562,119	13,080	1,031	14,111
General Totals	11,447,015	194,986	16,716	211,702

Last year's slump in immigration is being notably accentuated this year. During January and February last, the number of immigrant arrivals was 4,548 as compared with 17,367 in the same period of last year. It is admitted that this spontaneous contraction of immigration is, under the circumstances, a matter of satisfaction rather than alarm. The country is already beginning to be plagued with the unemployment problem and any effort to encourage immigration at this time would be most inopportune.

The falling off in immigration is probably due to world-wide depression, unemployment being general the world over.

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Report of the National Department of
Statistics.

According to calculations made by the National Department of Statistics, the population of the Republic on December 31, 1933, numbered 12,025,646 inhabitants, as compared with 11,850,808 on December 31, 1932, meaning an increase of 174,838 persons or 1.48%. Of the stated increase in 1933, 170,686 were accounted for by natural increase (97.6 per cent) and 4,152 by the migratory movements. The present distribution of the population, along with the comparative figures twelve months previously, are indicated in the following table:

<u>Federal Capital, Prov- inces and Territories</u>	<u>As at Decem- ber 31, 1933</u>	<u>As at Decem- ber 31, 1932</u>
Federal Capital	2,230,946	2,214,702
Buenos Aires	3,243,118	3,202,881
Santa Fe	1,428,042	1,397,206
Entre Ríos	656,385	642,624
Corrientes	467,074	458,966
Cordoba	1,149,707	1,130,731
San Luis	176,327	172,635
Santiago del Estero	421,703	411,079
Tucuman	483,229	473,576
Mendoza	459,634	453,215
San Juan	186,519	183,173
La Rioja	103,071	101,642
Catamarca	135,626	133,325
Salta	189,117	185,429
Jujuy	102,066	100,348
Totals	11,424,564	11,261,532
National Territories	601,082	589,276
General Totals	12,025,646	11,850,808

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(a) Growth in Population/

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Statistics

The last national census was taken on June 1, 1914, the increase between that date and January 1, 1934, that is to say, over a period of nineteen years and seven months is shown in the following table: -

Years	Population as at January 1	Annual Increase	
		Absolute	%
1914	7,885,237	63,372	1.38
1915	7,948,609	93,877	1.18
1916	8,042,486	99,115	1.23
1917	8,141,601	115,560	1.42
1918	8,257,161	116,911	1.42
1919	8,374,072	135,958	1.62
1920	8,510,030	186,359	2.19
1921	8,696,389	217,435	2.50
1922	8,913,824	277,099	3.11
1923	9,190,923	341,268	3.71
1924	9,532,191	294,197	3.09
1925	9,826,388	254,278	2.59
1926	10,080,666	271,822	2.70
1927	10,352,488	286,850	2.77
1928	10,639,338	275,677	2.59
1929	10,915,015	272,666	2.50
1930	11,187,681	264,693	2.37
1931	11,452,374	205,282	1.79
1932	11,657,656	193,152	1.66
1933	11,850,808	174,838	1.48
1934	12,025,646	-	-

The preceding figures illustrate the effect of emigration during the war years 1914-1918 in which the general annual increases were the lowest. Between 1919-1923 there was a marked increase owing to the revival of immigration and to the increase in the natural growth of the population. Since 1924 the rate of increase has tended gradually to diminish. It is calculated that during the period of nineteen odd years the natural increase of the population accounted for 3,282,737 and the increase by the migratory movement to 857,672, the respective percentages being 79.3 per cent and 20.7 per cent. In the following table are compared the balances of the migratory movement with the annual natural increases in the population of the Republic:-

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<u>Years</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Increase</u>	<u>Natural</u> <u>Increase</u>	<u>Migratory</u> <u>Balance.</u>
1914(*)	63,372	98,022	-34,650
1915	93,877	158,365	-64,488
1916	99,115	149,260	-50,145
1917	115,560	146,537	-30,977
1918	116,911	125,318	- 8,407
1919	135,958	123,788	12,170
1920	186,359	146,578	39,781
1921	217,435	151,682	65,753
1922	277,099	173,706	103,393
1923	341,268	180,469	160,799
1924	294,197	180,144	114,053
1925	254,278	179,001	75,277
1926	271,822	181,360	90,462
1927	286,850	174,972	111,878
1928	275,677	189,495	86,182
1929	272,666	183,445	89,221
1930	264,693	191,276	73,417
1931	205,282	188,566	16,716
1932	193,152	190,067	3,085
1933	174,838	170,686	4,152
Totals	4,140,409	3,282,737	857,672

(*) Seven months.

The migratory balances, after a period of adversity between the years 1914 and 1918, became favorable, as from the year 1919. The recovery was gradual, but in the year 1923 a favorable balance of 160,799 persons was attained. For some years afterwards, the favorable migratory balances continued substantial, though on a more or less stationary basis, but in 1931 there was a sudden decline to 16,716 persons, the lowest figure in eleven years. In 1932 the favorable balance was only 3,085 persons, which showing was increased in 1933, but only to 4,152. The vegetative increase after the War continued with comparative regularity, although within the world tendency of diminution. The figures of absolute vegetative increase were nevertheless maintained until 1932. The fact remains that the conspicuous falling off in the birth rate in 1933 is very forcefully demonstrated in the foregoing table. Compared with the previous year, there was a diminution of 19,381 persons. The vegetative increase in 1933 was, indeed, the lowest recorded since 1921. The following figures indicate the vegetative increase in the Federal Capital and the provinces in the year 1933:-

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<u>Federal Capital and Provinces</u>	<u>Vegetative Increase</u>	<u>Months Covered</u>	<u>Proportion for the Year</u>
Federal Capital	14,917	12	14,917
Buenos Aires	38,950	12	38,950
Santa Fe	22,378	12	22,378
Entre Rios	13,734	12	13,734
Corrientes	-	-	8,100
Córdoba	18,623	12	18,623
San Luis	3,668	12	3,668
Santiago del Estero	-	-	10,602
Tucuman	9,585	12	9,585
Mendoza	6,197	12	6,197
San Juan	-	-	3,312
La Rioja	-	-	1,427
Catamarca	2,216	12	2,297
Salta	3,666	12	3,666
Jujuy	1,680	12	1,680
Totals	-	-	159,136

<u>Federal Capital and Provinces</u>	<u>Population as at Jan. 1, 1933</u>	<u>Increase %</u>	<u>Increase in 1932 %</u>
Federal Capital	2,214,702	6.74	8.43
Buenos Aires	3,202,881	12.16	13.54
Santa Fe	1,397,206	16.02	18.81
Entre Rios	642,624	21.37	22.97
Corrientes	458,966	-	17.65
Córdoba	1,130,731	16.47	18.50
San Luis	172,635	21.25	21.29
Santiago del Estero	411,079	-	25.79
Tucuman	473,576	20.24	26.21
Mendoza	453,215	13.67	19.02
San Juan	183,173	-	18.08
La Rioja	101,642	-	14.04
Catamarca	133,325	17.23	16.45
Salta	185,429	19.77	23.60
Jujuy	100,348	16.74	22.28
Totals	11,261,532	14.13	15.92

According to figures furnished by the Department of Immigration of the Ministry of Agriculture, the favorable migratory balance in 1933 numbered 4,152 persons. This figure is slightly better than that of 1932. The following table shows the migratory movement in 1933 by maritime, fluvial and land routes:-

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<u>Months</u>	<u>Passengers</u>		<u>Migratory</u> <u>Balance</u>
	<u>Arrivals</u>	<u>Departures</u>	
January	26,778	28,882	-2,104
February	29,646	32,149	-2,503
March	33,216	25,001	+8,215
April	24,503	23,440	+1,063
May	17,876	18,433	-557
June	17,801	21,396	-3,595
July	19,117	19,619	-502
August	18,104	18,931	-827
September	19,762	19,548	+214
October	22,456	20,545	+1,911
November	25,123	21,966	+3,157
December	24,062	24,369	-307
Totals	278,444	274,279	+4,165

By Land Routes

Jan. to December	2,926	2,939	-13
General totals	281,370	277,218	+4,152

The report of the National Department of Statistics also contains a table of departures and arrivals according to nationality. Details are given in the following tables:-

Passengers by all Classes, arriving and departing by all Sea, River, and Land Routes in 1933

<u>Nationalities</u>	<u>Arrivals</u>	<u>Departures</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Argentines	100,774	99,231	+1,543
Germans	5,704	5,519	+185
Australians	844	687	+157
Belgians	419	384	+35
Bolivians	560	762	-202
Bulgarians	139	488	-349
Brazilians	7,880	8,138	-258
Czecho-Slovaks	711	927	-216
Chileans	606	548	+58
Spaniards	17,783	23,554	-5,771
Americans	2,373	2,392	-19
French	3,015	2,897	+118
Greeks	282	216	+66
Dutch	376	373	+3
Hungarians	433	426	+7
Britons	4,531	4,868	-337
Italians	14,641	16,272	-1,631
Japanese	298	262	+36
Lebanese	335	260	+75
Lithuanians	297	395	-98
Paraguayans	66,385	58,063	+8,322
Peruvians	248	287	-39
Poles	4,258	3,639	+619
Portuguese	586	1,319	-733

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Passengers by all Classes, arriving and depart-
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<u>Nationalities</u>	<u>Arrivals</u>	<u>Departures</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Rumanians	868	851	+ 17
Russians	1,859	1,623	+ 236
Syrians	895	1,098	-203
Swedes	226	240	- 14
Swiss	911	874	+ 37
Turks	830	644	+ 186
Uruguayans	39,812	37,200	+ 2,612
Jugoslavs	635	1,115	-480
Other nationalities	<u>1,851</u>	<u>1,666</u>	<u>+ 185</u>
Totals	231,370	277,218	+ 4,152

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Increase of 199,349 in 1937.

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The population of Argentina on December 31, 1937, totalled 12,761,611 which was an increase of 199,349 over the same date a year ago but the vegetative growth of 155,449 was the lowest in seventeen years - with the exception of 1935 - the report just made to the Minister of Finance by the Director-General of Statistics shows. Another point in the report is that both the American and British communities showed losses in numbers of the previous year, the Americans numbering 626 less and the British 746 fewer than twelve months previously. All other races showed an increase the migratory balance amounting to 30,284 as compared with 27,915 in 1936.

Poles led all other races in the population gain via the immigration route with a total of 8,503; the Italian gain was 4,632, Spanish 4,218 and German 1,613. Besides Americans and Britons, French and Brazilians showed a decrease in numbers as compared with the previous year.

There has been no national census taken in Argentina since 1914, the population being estimated by means of vital statistics and the immigration and emigration figures by races at the ports of entry. In 1914 the total population was 7,885,237. Since 1917 the absolute annual increase has been more than 100,000 and in 1923 it reached the high-water mark of 341,268.

The population of the Federal Capital is now 2,317,755, the Province of Buenos Aires 3,410,306, Santa Fé 1,499,833, and Córdoba 1,231,674, all other provinces are below the million mark.

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The Statistical Department of the Argentine Government on May 7, 1940, made public the population figures of the country as of midnight on December 31, 1939, which gave the country a total population of 13,129,723 as against 12,956,602 on the same date of 1938, or an increase of 1.34%. This percentage of increase was the lowest recorded since the years 1915 and 1916 when many men left Argentina to join the European armies in the World War. Both the American and British colonies in this country lost in numbers during 1939. Americans numbering 6,667 left the country during the year and only 6,540 entered, while British departures exceeded entries by 753 persons.

No regular census has been taken in Argentina since 1914. The figures arrived at yearly since that date are computed from the civil registry records and the migratory movement by land and sea, using the 1914 census as a basis. Of this growth in 1939 amounting to 173,121 inhabitants 96.4% was due to excess of births over deaths, and only 1.34% to migratory movements. Argentina, like the United States and other Western Hemisphere countries, has closed her doors nearly shut to immigration for several years, which explains the small migratory growth in population. In 1922 and for the following two years more than 100,000 immigrants yearly entered the country, and this figure was also passed in 1927. In 1939, however, only 6,155 immigrants, or in other words the increase of arrivals over departures, was registered.

The population of Argentina by provinces as of December 31, 1939 as compared with the same date 1938 follows:

	1939	1938
Capital Federal	2,364,263	2,345,221
Provinces:		
Buenos Aires	3,486,430	3,453,064
Santa Fé	1,540,880	1,522,776
Entre Rios	737,300	723,228
Corrientes	516,671	507,937
Córdoba	1,271,494	1,253,200
San Luis	196,677	193,465
Santiago del Estero	484,649	472,975
Tucuman	539,464	528,977
Mendoza	513,527	505,357
San Juan	216,644	211,819
La Rioja	110,537	109,160
Catamarca	149,766	147,130
Salta	212,607	207,699
Jujuy	113,144	110,634
Territories	675,670	663,969
Total	13,129,723	12,956,602

Source: As stated.

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